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1. Approximately 20,000 North Korean refugees were in the Lungching (129-46, 42-47) area of Manchuria. The Lungching people's committee established camps for the refugees in three primary schools, in the Lungching city public hall, and in the Lungching theater. The refugees established temporary liaison offices to aid in contacting the Chinese authorities, as follows:

a. The Hanan city (North Korea) temporary liaison office was located in the Lungching public hall. Staff members of the office included YI Tu-un (이 투운), PAK Kua-min (박 규민), and YI Se-chung (이 세충). 50X1-HUM

b. The Kichu (129-19, 40-57) (EA 2733) liaison office was in the Lungching theater. Staff members were WU Sang-nam (무 상남), KIM Song- (김 송), KIM Ae-yong (김 애영), and YI Pyong-hwan (이 평환). 50X1-HUM

c. The Hoeryong liaison office was in the Second People's Primary School.

d. The Unggi and Najin liaison offices were also in Lungching.

2. The liaison offices applied to the Chinese Communist authorities for a distribution of food for the refugees through the former Korean Residents Association, but the Chinese refused to consider any request for food. Many of the male refugees, therefore, became laborers, while the women took jobs as maidservants in homes or as waitresses in Chinese restaurants.

3. The Lungching people's committee began the digging of caves for air raid shelters at the foot of the mountains west of Lungching. The Lungching people's committee requested the assistance of the refugees and asked the liaison offices to assist in their mobilization. The committee promised that 20 hops of corn flour would be distributed to each worker. Many North Korean refugees began work on the caves because of this promise. 50X1-HUM

4. Comment. One hop is about one-fifth of a liter. The frequency of distribution was not stated. 50X1-HUM

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